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SUBJECT: HIGH LEVEL ROK MISSION

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BEGIN SUMMARY: TO REPRESENT ROK IN CONTEXT OF RIVALRY
WITH NORTH KOREA, PARTICULARLY TO PRESENT ROK VERSION
OF SOUTH- NORTH DIALOGUE DEVELOPMENTS AND TO SOLICIT
SUPPORT FOR ITS POSITION ON UN ISSUES, ROK IS SENDING
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SPEAKER, CHONG IL KWON, TO FOUR
COUNTRIES IT CONSIDERS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT. END SUMMARY.

1. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SPEAKER AND FORMER PRIME MINISTER
CHONG IL KWON WILL LEAD A ROK MISSION TO DENMARK, IRAN,
TURKEY, AND ETHIOPIA BEGINNING APRIL 9, 1973. THIS IS
ONE OF FOUR HIGH LEVEL MISSIONS WHICH ROKG IS SENDING
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OUT TO SOLICIT SUPPORT FOR POSTPONEMENT OF NORTH KOREAN WHO APPLICATION AND DEFERMENT OF KOREAN QUESTION AT 28 TH UNGA. OTHERS ARE GOING TO WEST AFRICA, TO EAST AFRICA AND TO SOUTHEAST ASIA.

2. CHONG WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMAN AND RETIRED GENERAL CHOI YONG HEE, CHAIRMAN OF ASSEMBLY NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE; DR. O KEE PYONG OF MOFA'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS INSTITUTE; CHONG'S PERSONAL SECRETARY; AND ONE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY STAFF ASSISTANT. AFTER "PRIVATE" VISIT TO HONG KONG APRIL 9-10, CHONG WILL JOIN GROUP IN TOKYO AND PROCEED TO COPENHAGEN FOR VISIT FROM APRIL 13 TO 15. FROM COPENHAGEN, CHONG'S MISSION WILL VISIT IRAN, APRIL 16-20; TURKEY, APRIL 20-24; AND ETHIOPIA, APRIL 24-29. CHONG ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO GOT TO STOCKHOLM, BUT SWEDISH ANNOUNCEMENT OF RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA OVERTOOK HIS PLANS AND ROKG NOW WILL BE SEEKING TO DEFER SIMILAR ANNOUNCEMENT BY DENMARK.

3. CHONG IS AN OLD AND GOOD FRIEND OF THE UNITED STATES. A FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, HE WAS AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE IN 1959 AND TO WASHINGTON FROM 1960 TO 1963. HE SERVED AS PRIME MINISTER FROM 1964 TO 1970. AFTER SHORT STINT AS ACTING CHAIRMAN OF GOVT. PARTY IN 1972 AND 1973, HE WAS ELECTED SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FORMED THIS YEAR UNDER THE NEW ROK CONSTITUTION. HE SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH.
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